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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Sirs,

I would like to express my objections to the currently proposed settlement with Microsoft.

I believe the settlement is ineffective, and of little worth. Some examples are:

Section III.A.2 which allows Microsoft to retaliate against any OEM that ships Personal Computers containing a competing Operating System but no Microsoft operating system.

I prefer to buy computers without Microsoft products on them and don't think I should be penalized for this.

Section III.b which requires Microsoft to license Windows on uniform terms and at published prices to the top 20 OEMs, but says nothing about smaller OEMs.

I prefer to deal with smaller OEMs, and support small businesses. A small OEM owned by a friend was told by Microsoft that if they wanted to license Windows at the lowest (and therefore competitive) price, they must sell Windows on every Personal Computer they sold, and could not sell any other operating system. This OEM has since gone out of business.

These are just two from a large list of complaints.

Please re-consider this settlement!

Thank you,

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